

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
OF THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56, was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965, and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority provided that if the general requirements, controls and restrictions applicable to any part of the Project Area shall be modified after the lease or sale of such part, modification must be consented to by the redeveloper or redevelopers of such part or their successors and assigns; provided further that where the proposed modifications may substantially or materially alter or change the Plan, the modifications must be approved by the Boston City Council and the Division of Urban Renewal of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce and Development;

WHEREAS, Section 602 of Chapter 6 of the said Urban Renewal Plan entitled: "Land Use and Building Requirements" designates "park" as the primary permitted use for Parcel P-12;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That Section 602, Table A "Land Use and Building Requirements", Parcel P-12, is hereby modified by the deletion therefrom of "Permitted Land Use".
2. That the permitted use for Parcel P-12 shall be "institutional".
3. That the Setback, Height, Density, Parking and Planning and Design controls for Parcel P-12 are hereby modified by the substitution therefor of "subject to Authority approval".
4. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan.
5. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect.
6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the concurrence herein of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA

PARCEL P-12: Location Plan

Proposed new site for the
Emanuel Holy Christian Church.

Parcel 23

ROXSE
221 d3
Housing

HAMMOND ST.

WARWICK ST.

SUSSEX ST.

GREENWICH ST.

WESTMINISTER ST.

Parcel 24
ROXSE
221d3 housing

Parcel P12b

TUCKERMAN FOUND.
221 a3 Housing

Parcel 25

110.0 ft.
90.0 ft.

Parcel
P-12

PROPOSED LOCATION SERVICE RD.
EMANUEL HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NEW STERLING ST.

PROPOSED INNER BELT

South End
Urban Renewal
Area R-56

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MEMORANDUM

TABLED: MARCH 6, 1969
RESUBMITTED: MARCH 20, 1969

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority
FROM: Hale Champion, Director
SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA R-56
MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
DISPOSITION PARCEL P-12

SUMMARY: This memo requests authorization to modify the South End Urban Renewal Plan to change the permitted use for Parcel P-12 from "Park" to "Institutional", and this memo supplies additional information requested by the Board.

The Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area adopted by the Authority on September 23, 1965, in Section 602 thereof entitled "Land Use and Building Requirements" designates Parcel P-12 for "park" use. Section 1201 of said Plan provides that minor modifications may be made at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Attached is a plan showing the location of Parcel P-12, the proposed new location for the Emmanuel Holy Christian Church. The Authority has been requested to authorize modification of the Plan in order to make possible use of this small parcel as a relocation site for the nearby church which, for a number of years, has been an integral part of this Lower Roxbury neighborhood. Designation is being requested at this meeting.

Neighborhood leaders fully support the proposed change in the Urban Renewal Plan, both because they wish to see the church rebuilt as near as possible to its present location and because the proposed park use of this parcel has become far less desirable since the re-alignment of the Inner Belt. Attached is a letter from Mrs. Bessie Barnes of the lower Roxbury Neighborhood Association, the local residents' group, indicating wholehearted support of this proposed Plan change and tentative designation of the Emmanuel Holiness Christian Church.

Development of the church will require modification of the permitted land use for Parcel P-12 from "park" to "institutional". This change in use for Parcel P-12 recreation site is justified on the basis that a comprehensive six-acre recreation area is to be developed within two blocks of Parcel P-12.

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It is therefore recommended that the Authority adopt the attached resolution modifying the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area by changing the permitted use for Parcel P-12 from "park" to "institutional".

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachments

March 18, 1969

Mr. Walter Smart
Project Director
South End Site Office
72 Warren Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Dear Mr. Smart:

The members of the Lower Roxbury Neighborhood Association have discussed the possibility of changing the designation of Parcel P12 from park to institutional in order to provide an opportunity for Bishop Payne to locate his church.

While the Association was opposed to the use of the area as a park, we are very much in agreement that the area should be used as a church for Bishop Payne.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Bessie Barnes
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Lower Roxbury Neighborhood
Association

